

Business Area #7:
Harvard Square

Boundaries: bordered by Prescott Street, Massachusetts Avenue, Putnam Avenue, Flagg Street, the Charles River, Ash Street, Mason Street, Garden Street, Waterhouse Street, Massachusetts Avenue, and Cambridge Street

Major areas of Business/Retail/Industrial concentration include: establishments and business offices on Massachusetts Avenue between 1050 and 1540, Mt. Auburn Street between 1 and 168, and the numerous restaurants, shops, and offices on Holyoke, Dunster, and Winthrop Streets, as well as, the Charles Square and University Place complexes.



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Larceny from buildings decreased by 13% in Harvard Square in 2005. Thefts in area restaurants and shops account for a large amount of the larcenies from buildings. Most of these thefts are of unattended items. Larcenies from health clubs, hair salons, and hotels rooms have been common in this business district. • **Commercial burglaries** in 2005 decreased 30% from last year. In one incident at the Penang Restaurant thieves stole \$300 cash from the register along with a heavy safe, leaving pry marks on the door of the restaurant. • **Commercial robberies** decreased slightly by one incident from 2004. Two of the four robberies occurred at a CVS Pharmacy located on Massachusetts Avenue. The suspect in one incident violently grabbed money out of the register and fled the store, the suspect in the second incident pointed a gun at a cashier and demanded cash. The third robbery was an attempt to grab money out of the register at Gnomon Copy and the last occurred at the Gap where the suspect hit an employee on the head and fled the store with merchandise. • While **larcenies from the person** have been a major concern in this area there has been a 17% decrease in 2005. Most incidents have been from dining areas where a person is preoccupied and leaves a purse or other property unattended in a restaurant. Pick-pocketing has been a concern for this business district but has decreased this year from prior years. A high percentage of these crimes in 2005 were on weekdays between 2 p.m. and 4 p.m. and on weekends between 6 p.m. and 12 a.m. • **Shoplifting** in Harvard Square declined for the fourth consecutive year in 2005. The majority of shoplifting incidents are from clothing stores in this area. More than half of them resulted in arrests. Urban Outfitters reported several of these incidents.

CRIME	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005
Larceny from Building	68	68	80	90	78
Larceny from Person	124	147	100	136	113
Commercial Burglary	10	28	22	20	14
Commercial Robbery	6	6	3	5	4
Shoplifting	97	79	77	62	52
Fraud/Flim	33	69	58	50	37
Flam/Counterfeiting					